

tion to such filing by mail, posting, publication, or otherwise which it deems will practically give information to parties and interested persons of its actions. For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act the chairman of the board, or any member thereof, has the power to subpoena witnesses, to administer oaths and to compel the production of books, records, and other evidence. Disobedience of any such subpoena, or refusal to be sworn, or to answer as a witness, shall be punishable as a contempt of the district court on complaint of the board, or any member thereof, before the district court of the county where such disobedience or refusal occurred. Witnesses receive the same fees and mileage as in civil actions. All persons are sworn before testifying and the right to examine or cross-examine is the same as in civil actions. All hearings are public, conducted by the board or any authorized member thereof, and all affected persons have the opportunity to be heard. The board provides a stenographer to take the testimony and all proceedings at the hearings are recorded and preserved. All hearings are conducted insofar as practicable in the same manner as civil actions. It is proper for the divisions of state government and the agencies thereof to adopt opposite positions in respect to the matter before the board when full advocacy will assist to disclose the public interest.

**Sec. 8. [104.08] Findings by board.** Within sixty days of the close of any hearing the board makes its findings and recommendations based solely on the evidence adduced at the public hearing. Hearings may be continued from time to time as the situation may require.

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CHAPTER 741—S. F. No. 1534

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to rights of veterans employed by or seeking employment of cities of the first class having a population of not more than 150,000 inhabitants and independent school districts wholly located therein.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

**Section 1. Duluth, employment of veterans.** In all cities of the first class now or hereafter having a population of not more than 150,000 inhabitants, veterans applying for employment or promotion to any such city or to an independ-

ent school district whose territorial limits coincide with those of any such city shall be given the preferences set forth below by the civil service board of any such city or school district.

**Sec. 2. Application certified.** Any veteran applying for original employment who passes the examination shall be preferred in employment over other applicants therefor; and if the veteran is of good moral character and can perform the duties of the position applied for by him, and has passed the entrance examination, said veteran shall be certified and appointed to the position or place for which he applied before any non-veteran is certified or appointed.

**Sec. 3. Ratings of veterans.** To the rating of a disabled veteran in the employ of any such city or school district who achieves a passing grade on any examination other than for original employment, there shall be added a credit of ten points, and to the rating of every other veteran in the employ of any such city or school district who achieves a passing grade on any examination other than for original employment, there shall be added a credit of five points. The veteran's or disabled veteran's name shall then be placed on the list of eligibles with other eligible persons. The name of a veteran or disabled veteran, with such augmented rating, shall be entered ahead of that of a non-veteran when their ratings are the same.

**Sec. 4. Widow's preference.** Such preference is hereby extended to the widows of deceased veterans and to the spouse of a disabled veteran who, because of such disability, is unable to qualify for any state or local government position. No inquiry shall be made of any applicant for examination before such examination as to whether or not he is a veteran or disabled veteran, nor shall any distinction be made in giving the examination or grading the results thereof on account of the fact that the applicant may be a veteran or disabled veteran. All applicants who pass any examination shall be informed of the right of a veteran for preference. The preference credit shall be added to the examination rating when the preference is claimed by an applicant by the director of civil service of any such city or school district, and the records shall show the examination rating and the preference credit.

**Sec. 5. Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter, the terms "veteran" and "disabled veteran" shall be given the definition set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 43.30; provided, however, that a disabled veteran must have a disability rating of ten percent or greater before being considered a disabled veteran for the purposes of this act.

**Sec. 6. Inconsistent laws superseded.** The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 197.45, 197.46, 197.47 and 197.48 are hereby superseded by the provisions of this chapter insofar as they may be inconsistent.

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CHAPTER 742—S. F. No. 1617

[Not Coded]

*An act providing for referees in juvenile courts.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

**Section 1. Juvenile courts, Hennepin County, referee.** The judge of the Juvenile Division of the District Court in counties having a population of 600,000 or more may appoint a suitable person or persons to act as referee or referees to hold office at the pleasure of the judge. Such referees shall be qualified for their duties by their previous training and experience.

**Sec. 2. Compensation of referee.** The compensation of the referees shall be fixed by the appointing judge payable from general revenue funds of the county not otherwise appropriated, at the same time and in the same manner as salaries of county officers generally.

**Sec. 3. Juvenile judge to refer cases.** Subdivision 1. The judge may direct generally or specifically that any case or class of cases shall be heard by such referee. The hearing shall otherwise be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 280, regulating hearings by the judge of the juvenile court. The referee shall have all the powers of the court to preserve order, grant continuances and adjournments, and enforce the attendance of witnesses.

**Subd. 2. Referee to make findings.** Upon the conclusion of the hearing in each case the referee shall transmit to the judge such papers, data, findings and recommendations relating to the case, as the judge may require.

**Subd. 3. Notice to child, parent or guardian.** Notice, either at the hearing, or in lieu thereof in writing either by certified mail or such other service as the court may direct, of the referee's findings and recommendations, together with a statement relative to the right to a rehearing provided herein, shall be given, or caused to be given, by the referee, to the